Revised Judgment

O foolish Galatians, who did bewitch you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly set forth crucified?

Text from letter to Galatians. Explain situation. Read text.

The word "bewitch" referred originally to witchery by spells and incantations; later in popular use refers to the "evil eye".

The folly of the Galatian churches seemed to Paul to be their neglect of the truth as it was given them in Jesus Christ and their return to the old bondage of Judiasm. Their problem was their choice between bondage-to old ways and old sins or freedom in the newness of life in Christ.

We dont believe in withery and witchcraft and the evil eye any more; nevertheless the tendency to revert back to old beliefs and old ways and old sins is still active and error still knows how to make itself facinatingly attractive.

I. There is such a thing as the enchantment of Error. Error that is so enticing in its influence as to lead many astray.

The conditions under which such error holds sway varyie Sometimes false teachers arise and they are followed by the thousands.

Sometimes one's cares, one's occupation, one's treasures entice him away from his first love in Christ.

Sometimes evil companionship, worldly fashion, or majority custom .

Often it is just that gradual relaxation of effoxt to continue the fight for righteousness and truth until we find ourselves far from our beginning.

II. It takes all the ~~prayer~~ power of prayer, consecration, meditation and Xn work ~~to~~ and fellowship to keep our judgments sound, nowadays.

Take the case of the newspapers.

Valentino, the Shiek, Dead.

The death of Dr.Elliot hardly mentioned.

The case of the movies.

Just enough portrayal of real life to keep up the confidence of the public: but in our pictures there is so much that is misrepresentative of life. So much excitement and thrill as to make ordinary living too tame for many, especially for the unthinking people.

Wealth, position and power; social standing, etc. all all play havoc with the judgment of weak-minded persons.

III. The results of such witchery are terrible in their comsequences.

It had affected both the character and the conduct of the Galatians. They went back to all the practices of of the flesh- to the uncontrolled lusts and passions of their times.

And people, today, who are thus being entred ~~influenced~~ away from the Crucified Christ of their conversion experienc are living the life of the flesh of today.

IV. Paul's remedy- a lifting up of the Cross and a return unto Christ.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, and if he seems to be different to us than he once dod when we accepted Him as our personal Savior, the cganhe is not in Him but in us, and it is not one for the better if Jesus Christ is not dearer and nearer to us than ever.

If we would only keep on going forward with Christ, we would'nt have to go back to him- back thru our sins and wasted years, back thru disappointments and doubts and error.